



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment Committee

From: Doug Roberts, Jr., Director of Environmental and Energy Policy

Subject: House Bill 5508 (Air Quality - State Implementation Plan)

Date: 1/19/06

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the Michigan Chamber of Commerce **supports House Bill 5508**, sponsored by **Representative Pavlov**. This legislation is designed to bring air quality into compliance with the Federal Standards by requiring that low vapor pressure gasoline be used during the summer months in Southeast Michigan.

Michigan's air quality continues to improve. However, in order to comply with Federal Air Quality standards in Southeast Michigan, additional controls are needed. Switching to low vapor pressure gasoline in the summer months offers the most cost effective manner to achieve this goal.

Chamber Legislative Priorities

Each session Chamber members adopt a set of Legislative Priorities for the year. Under the heading of Air Quality Standards, a priority was set related to the State Implementation Plan. The priority called for the following:

- Adopting a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that provides the most cost-effective and balanced air pollution control measures and minimizes impacts on job providers. In all cases, job providers should have the opportunity to review measures that may be included in the State Implementation Plan.

On December 7th, 2005, Representative Pavlov and Chuck Hersey from SEMCOG presented HB 5508 to members of the Michigan Chamber Environmental Quality Committee. Chamber members agreed that HB 5508 was consistent with the approved priorities and unanimously voted to support the legislation.

The Michigan Chamber would like to applaud Representative Pavlov for all of his efforts in developing this legislation. We would also like to applaud the work of SEMCOG and the Detroit Regional Chamber for their efforts to develop a SIP strategy for Southeast Michigan that minimizes impacts on job providers. We encourage you to support House Bill 5508.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (517) 371-2100.